



The Village Voice

This is our school, Let peace dwell here
Fill all the rooms with happiness.
As many hands do make a house,
So many hearts do make our school.



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Calendar of Events

November 2011

- 5 Sat— Dia de los Muertos, 5:00-8:00pm
- 6 Sun— DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
- 9 Wed— Parent Council, 6:30-8:00pm, see Principal's Message for details
- 10 Thurs— Kinder Lantern Walk, 5:30pm
- 11 Fri— No School, Veteran's Day
- 14 Mon— Gr. 5 & 7 Field Trip to UO Geography Conference, 11:30am-2:30pm
Site Committee Meeting, 5:30-7:00pm
- 16 Wed— Picture Retakes, sign up in office
Gr. 4 & 5 Field Trip to Salmon Watch, 8:45am-2:45pm
Board Meeting, 5:30-7:00pm
- 19 Sat— Site Clean Up, 9:00am-12:00pm
Board Retreat, 8:30am-2:30pm
- 24 Thurs— No School, Thanksgiving
- 25 Fri— No School, Thanksgiving
- 29 Tues— Gr. 2 Play, 10:20-11:00am
Gr. 2 Play, 6:30-7:00pm

December 2011

- 7 Wed— Gr. 5 Play, times TBA
- 8 Thurs— Winter Concert, 6:30-8:00pm, offsite
- 12 Mon— No School, Winter Break
- 14 Wed— Board Meeting, 5:30-7:00pm

January 2012

- 3 Tues— *School Resumes*
- 11 Wed— Parent Council, 6:30pm
- 16 Mon— No School, MLK Jr. Day
- 18 Wed— Board Meeting, 5:30-7:00pm
- 26 Thurs— Talent Show, details TBA
- 27 Fri— No School, Grading Day
- 30 Mon— 2nd Term Begins

Please check the website for our gmail calendar for events beyond January. Also Village Kitchen menus are posted on our website.

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Parent Council gave a survey to all parents. Based on the surveys two topics of interest were how to deal with the stress of parenting and to have a comedy program at one of the meetings. Both of those things will happen at the next Parent Council meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 9.

The business meeting begins at 6:30pm. The program begins at 7:00pm. After the program there will be snacks prepared by one of our healthy lunch ladies, Toña Aguilar. This is going to be fabulous.

The evening program opens with the honorable and witty Edgar Peara, Andy Peara's father, telling jokes and stories. After plenty of laughs with Edgar two talented actors Tim O'Donnell and Sarah Gillden will present routines based on stressful situations all parents have experienced. You can just imagine. The sketches might be about bedtime routines, going to a parent-teacher conference, dealing with homework or whatever!

Please attend the business meeting at 6:30pm. *Childcare will be provided if enough parents sign up ahead of time.* Please sign up for childcare in the office by the end of next Monday, Nov. 7. **We will not offer childcare if no one signs up.**

Regarding lice, it is extremely important that all parents check their children at home. Please help the school by doing these regular checks even if your children have not had lice. See the next page for detailed lice information.

Sincerely
Bob Kaminski

Lice Information

Check your children at home EVERY DAY.

If you have had lice recently, this daily check and combing needs to happen for *at least one month*.

Notify the school immediately if head lice or their nits (lice eggs) are detected.

Important Village School Policy:

Children with lice must be treated before they may return to school. With cases of lice, the entire class will be checked for lice. Students who have had lice must be checked in the office before returning to class. The school will post notices outside the classroom door if there is lice in that classroom. Students may not return to school until they have NO head lice OR nits present on their heads. This process may take several hours or days.

Head lice continue to be one of the most prevalent communicable childhood diseases among children, and outbreaks are possible whenever and wherever children gather.

We sent home all garments of all children in a white plastic bag. Wash all garments. Please take extraordinary measures at home to check for lice.

In addition to the information emailed, here is a website that might be helpful:
<http://www.liceefree.com/>

Nix (over-the-counter chemical treatment <http://www.nixlice.com/>) is a favorite product of some to use as the primary treatment.

Also, the shampoo made by "Lice Free" is good for everyday use for the whole family. It smells good and is non-toxic.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Village Voice submissions must be emailed to village@4j.lane.edu or delivered in writing to the office by Thursday afternoon. Thank you.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

This Saturday, 5:00-8:00pm, cafeteria

There will be a Latin-inspired potluck for all members of the Village School community to participate in. Please label your dishes with ingredients (Nuts, Vegan, Dairy, etc.).

Please bring your own dishware. For those who forget their own dishware, sets can be rented from our kitchen for \$1 per person.

All families are also requested to bake either "Soul Cakes" (no nuts) or "Mexican Wedding Cakes" (nuts). These will be sold as a fundraiser for the festival committee.

If you already ordered tamales, pick them up at the end of the Festival. The tamale sale is a fundraiser which helps support the Day of the Dead event.

Message from Garden Committee

Thank you to the few folks that showed up last Sunday to rake and disperse those leaves we had delivered.

We now have our final plan ready from the University of Oregon landscape design team!

We will begin gathering supplies to start constructing our garden beds. We would like to reach out in our immediate community and see what supplies you all have and would be willing to donate to the Village Garden.

We will have a supplies list that will be posted outside the office in the near future. Please check it out and if you have a rake or shovel or even a handyman you could donate please email villagegardeneugene@yahoo.com.

It takes a community to make things happen.

Thank you all,
Kimberlae VanCleave
Garden Committee Co-chair

Volunteer on a Saturday!
Come to the SITE CLEAN-UP DAY!
(General grounds keeping and repairs)

We have three site clean-ups throughout the year. Each site clean-up is assigned to a group of grades, though anyone is welcome to come and help.

This first cleanup is geared towards families of the Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade families...

Saturday, Nov. 19th
9:00am-12:00pm

Some of the jobs for the site clean-up include: Grounds keeping, trash pickup, touchup painting in bathrooms and much more.

We would like to get an idea of how many families can come so we can have all the proper materials and equipment on hand.

Please sign up on the sheets located across from the office or near Room 1. You can also just show up on Saturday, Nov. 19th, any time between 9 and 12.

Tea Fairies & Flower Pick Up Needed

We are looking for one or two more volunteers to make tea for the children in the mornings.

We begin making the tea around 8:30am and then deliver it to the classrooms for the children's snack time at 10:00am.

Also each week a volunteer picks up flowers from Trader Joe's. We then make bouquets from these donated flowers to beautify the school.

If you are interested in volunteering one or two times a week, please contact the office.

Earth laughs in flowers...
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

More Walk-a-thon Donations!

We are pleased to announce the Community Service Walk-a-thon has raised **\$9,600** as of November 4th!

If you still have pledge envelopes and donations, please bring them to the office soon.

We'd love to get our community organizations their donations in the near future.

***Thank you Village School students,
parents, relatives and friends!***

Announcements

The Health Center at South Eugene High School offers affordable, confidential health care services to all 4J school students and their siblings, birth to 19 years of age, by scheduled appointment only. They staff a Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse and Mental Health Therapist. Health services are affordable and available to all in need, insured or not. The Health Center works on a sliding fee scale down to zero. Call 541-790-8020 to schedule.

Spring Creek Holly Farm in Leaburg will donate 50% of Christmas tree sales to our school.

They sell u-pick noble fir Christmas trees, hand-made holly, fir & juniper wreaths, and bulk holly and Christmas greens.

Visit Spring Creek Holly Farm and choose a tree, have a cup of hot cider and start a new holiday tradition! Just mention the Village School when you buy a tree and 50% of the purchase price will be donated to the school.

All trees are \$4.00 per foot.
Tree sales begin 11/25/2011.
Hours: daily 9am-5pm. 541-896-3483.
4311 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, OR.